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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM
THE FRG'S AMBASSADOR TO OECD ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY OF
MRS. STEEG FOR TC CHAIRMANSHIP:

BEGIN TEXT

I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT STAATSSEKRETAR DR. HERMES
DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO
CHAIR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE ON FEBRU-
ARY 3 AND 4, 1976. FOR THE SAME REASONS HE WILL ALSO
NOT STAND FOR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE
WHEN THIS QUESTION COMES UP LATER IN THE YEAR.

REGARDING THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH AS A MAJOR
TRADING NATION TO ALL QUESTIONS RELATED WITH INTERNA-
TIONAL TRADE, ESPECIALLY IN A TIME OF INTENSIFICATION OF
TRADE PROBLEMS IN ONGOING AND FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES, HOWEVER, TO BE
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HIGHLY INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. I WOULD,

THEREFORE, LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT MRS. HELGA STEEG,
DIRECTOR, (MINISTERIALDIREKTOR), HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT
FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
(INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE) IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY
FOR ECONOMICS, WILL COME FORWARD AS A CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

FOR SOME YEARS ALREADY, MRS. STEEG IS FULLY INVOLVED IN
OECD-MATTERS. I NEED NOT TO ENUMERATE, THEREFORE, ALL
HER ACTIVITIES IN THE TRADE COMMITTEE, THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION AND IN THE COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES.
I HOPE THAT MRS. STEEG'S CANDIDATURE WILL BE CAREFULLY
AND SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED BY YOUR AUTHORITIES.
END TEXT
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